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Manti-La Sal National Forest
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Coffee Pot Fire Remains “Well Behaved”

Even with Thursday’s warmer and drier conditions, the Coffee Pot Fire north of Indianola, Utah continues to accomplish all that fire managers had hoped.

The Coffee Pot Fire has been in “Management” status since being ignited by lightning on July 17th. Rather than initiating full suppression tactics, fire officials decided to manage the fire in hopes of accomplishing multiple objectives. The primary objective is always to provide for the safety of the public and firefighting personnel. The Coffee Pot fire is burning in steep terrain with few adequate safety zones. Other objectives include improving forest health and reducing the potential for future catastrophic fires. This is being accomplished as the fire slowly eats away dead trees and ground litter.

The fire is being managed by an Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team with 126 fire personnel assigned to monitor and hold the fire within predetermined boundaries. It currently covers 775 acres.

The public is reminded that roads and trails immediately surrounding the Coffee Pot Fire remain closed until further notice due to safety concerns. These include the Lake Fork Road (070), the Right Fork-Lake Fork Trail (326), the Coffee Pot Trail (327), the Sweat Creek Trail (042), the Dipping Pen Trail (330), and the Smith Reservoir Road (232).

For more information visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or please contact the Sanpete Ranger District at 435-283-4151.